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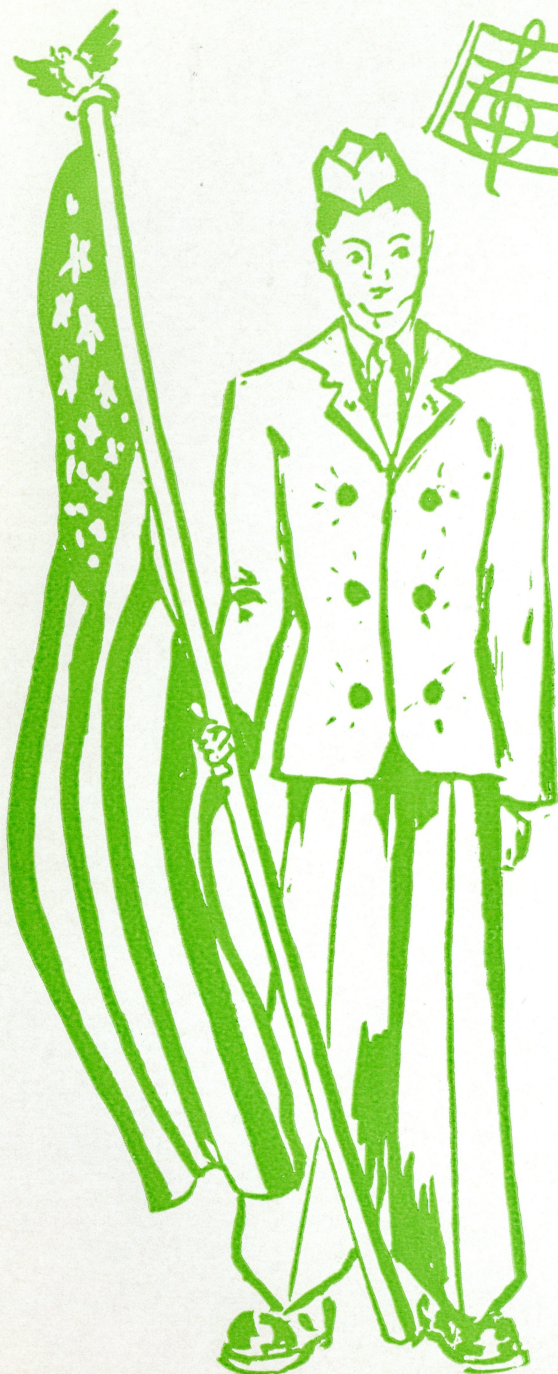
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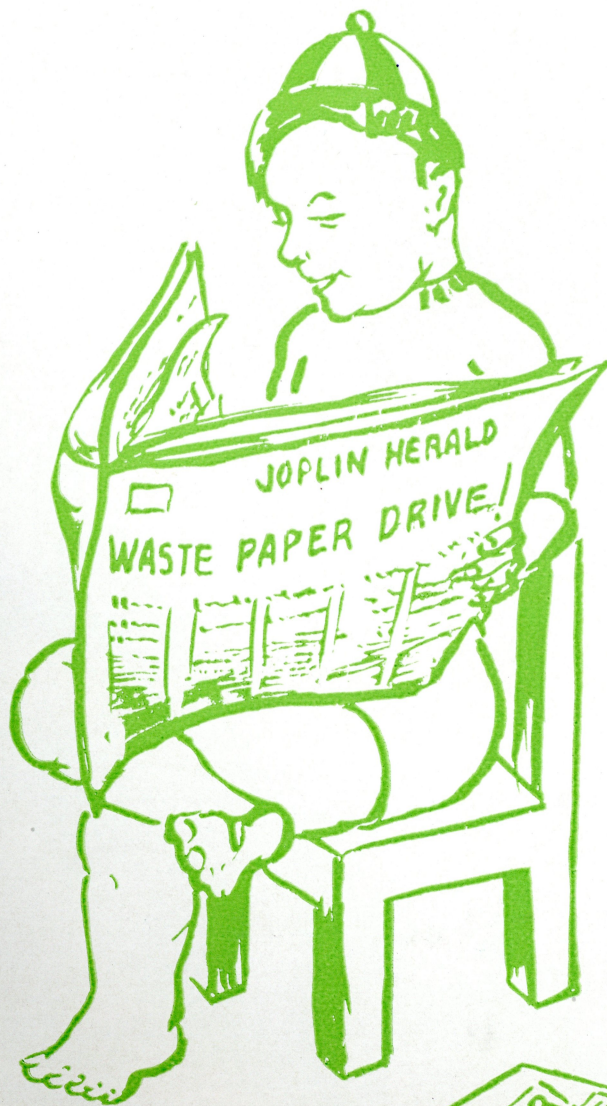
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To all the boys and girls of J. J. C.
who are serving Uncle Sam, this 1944
Crossroads is fondly dedicated.



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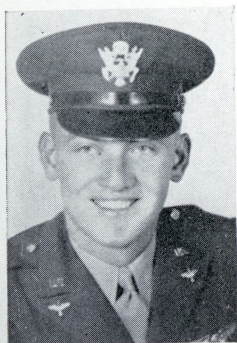


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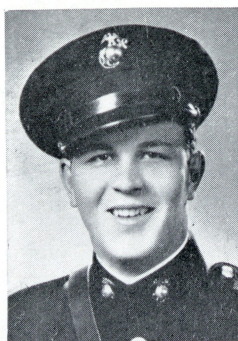
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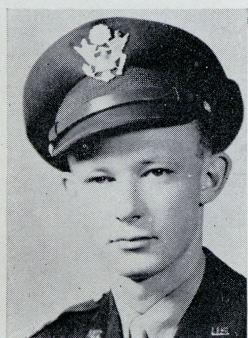
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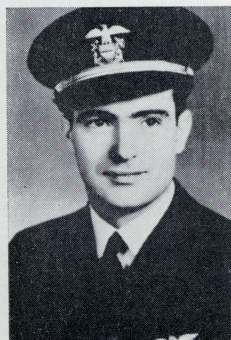
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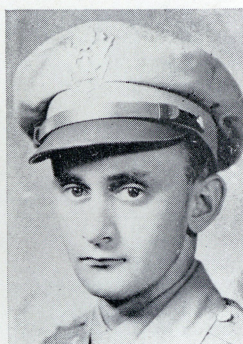
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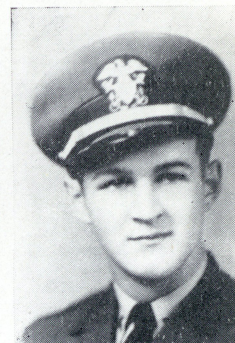
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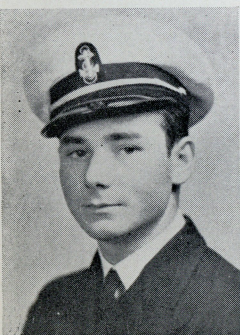
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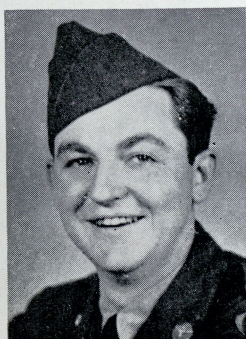
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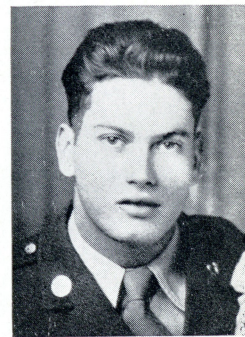
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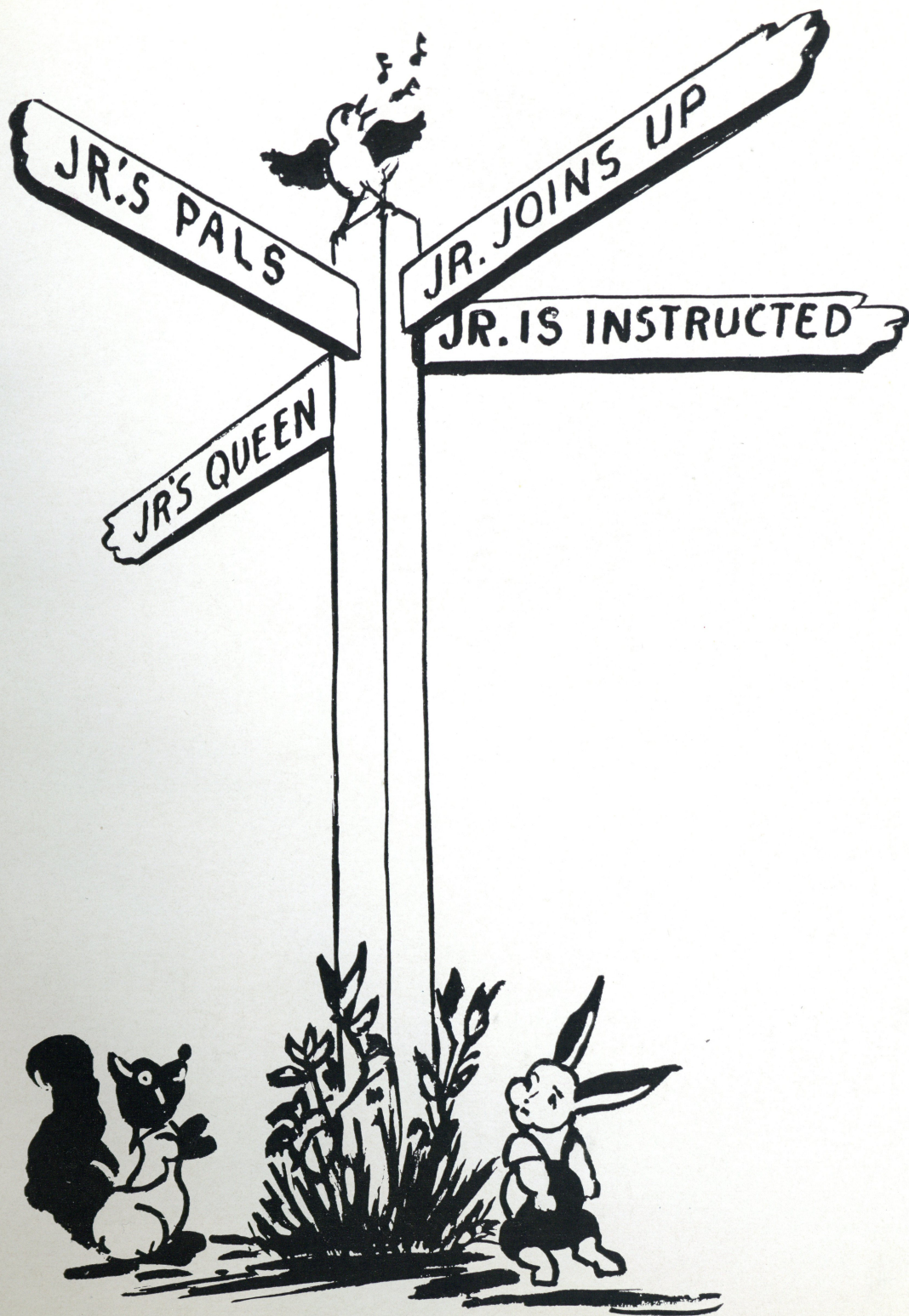
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Miss Nina Geisert
Queen of the 1944 Crossroads



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Shirley Cox



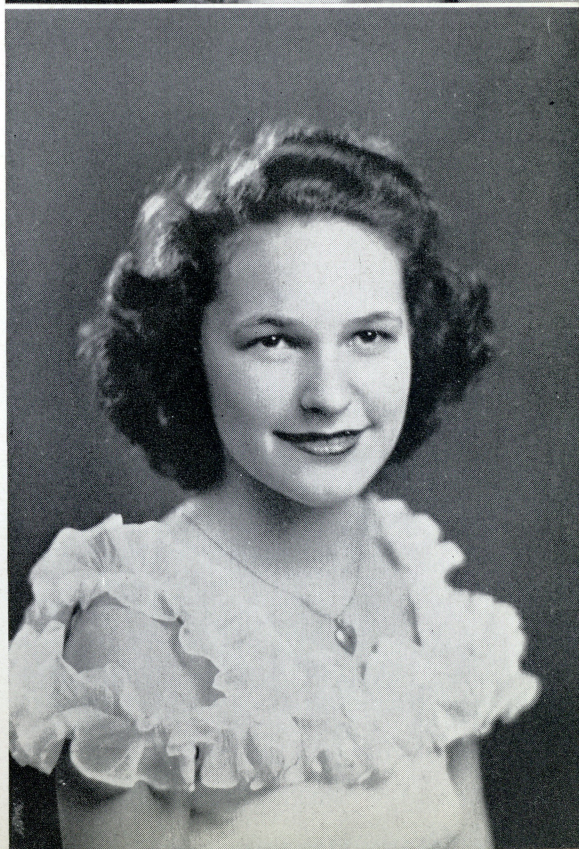
Jean Wommack

Her Attendants

Betsy Balsley



Mary Lee Snyder





His Pals

Sophomores . . .



DELLAS YEARY

President

In spite of their small number, this year's Sophomore Class has carried on the traditional activities of the upperclassmen. More than ever before, emphasis has been placed on scholarship. Consequently these students, who are graduating into a troubled world, have the feeling of competence that accompanies a thorough education.

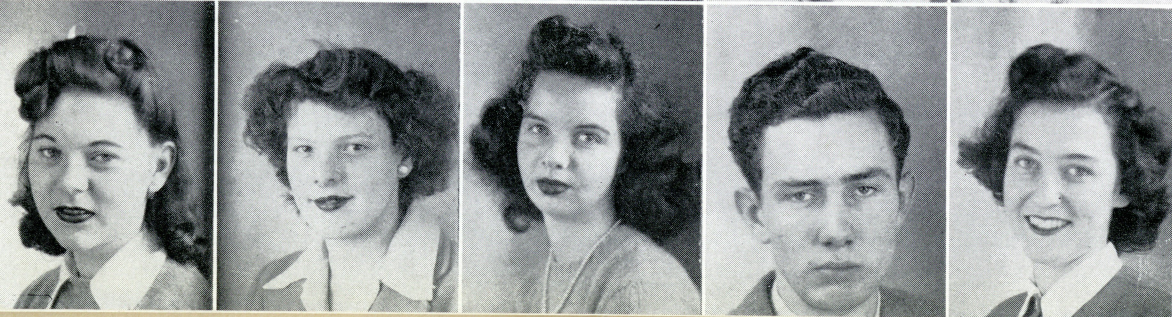
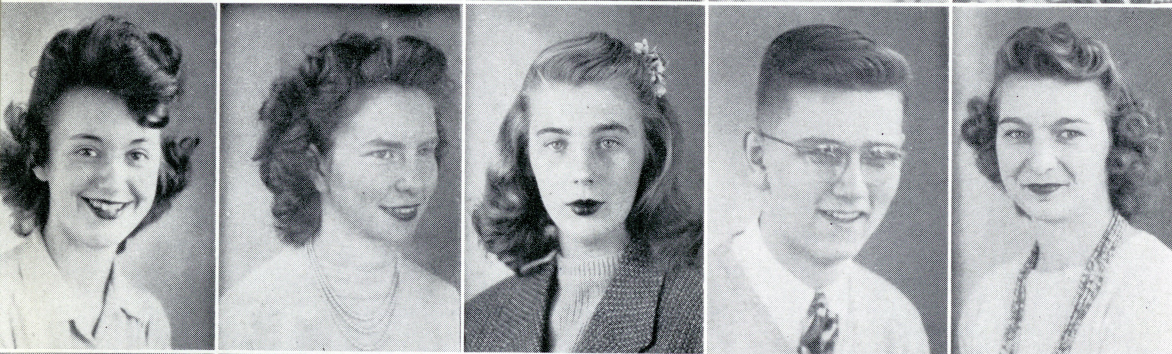
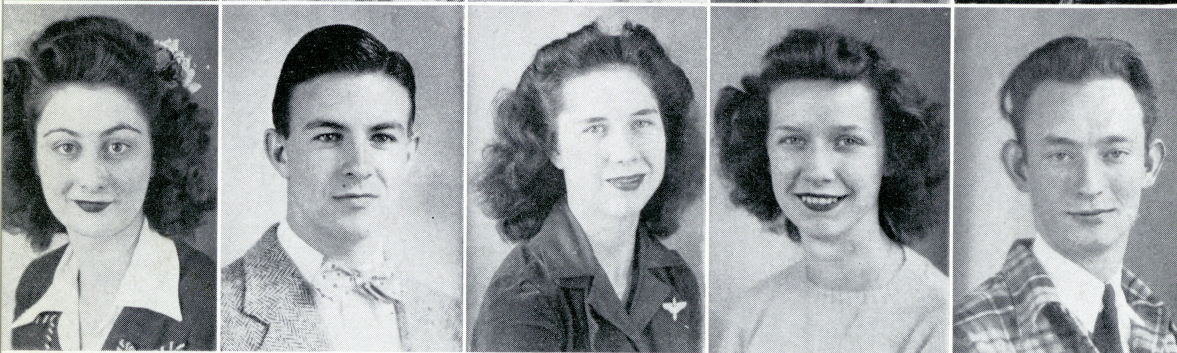


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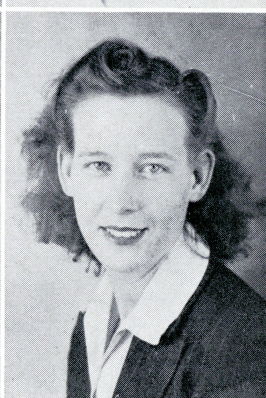
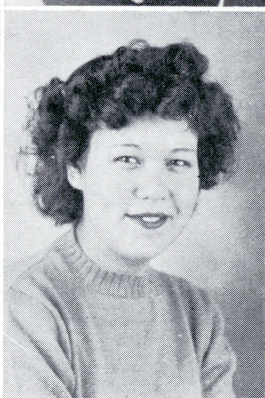
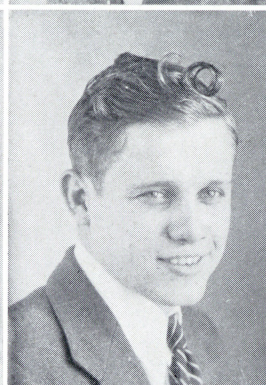
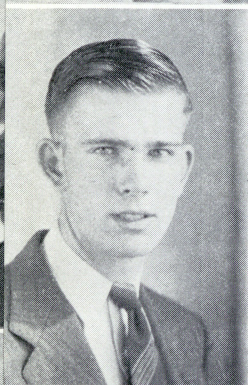
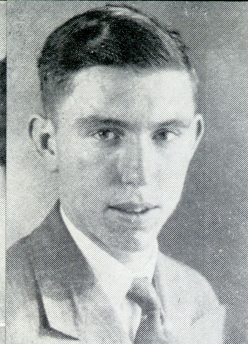
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Rita Pinnell

Bill Pinnell

Virginia Lankford Pratt



Edward Rataczak

Rosaleen Reynolds

Mary Rice

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Carroll Smith

Martha Lee Troutman

Jean Wommack

Dellas Yeary

Eva Taylor

Elma Mae Fox

Dorothy Howell

Josephine Willard

Betty Jean Pitts

Jeanne Pollock

Myrtle Richardson

Jerry Nan Sparlin

Aileen Logan

Students not having pictures . . .

SOPHOMORES

David Blair
Raymond Blair
Marjorie Caldwell
Mildred Denney
George Fort

Ray Anne Robison
Helen Ruth Seager
Robert Turner
Harold Wynn

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Cleo Allen
Betty Ashworth
Robert Dale Brown
Bill Brown
Anabel Campbell
Floyd Cozad
Coweta Dawes
Charles Douglas
Freda Gates
Victoria Gibbons
Edward Gier
Carol Jean Gordon
Ruby Granger
Beverlie Hinkle
Vera Hetrick
Lorene Kirk
Homer Knost

Doris Lamkin
Mary Larson
Billy Murray
Richard Moss
Bill Meredith
Jack Newman
Donald Newby
Jack Pflug
Nancy Power
Herbert Rawlings
Hester Lee Roby
Clifford Smith
Ruth Snyder
Norma Jean Strain
John Swab
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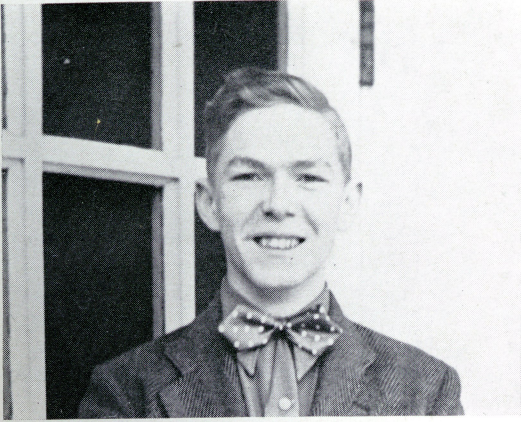
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Jack Williams
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Glenna Gresham
Mrs. Marilyn Glueck
Barbara Herschman
Mrs. Helen Harper
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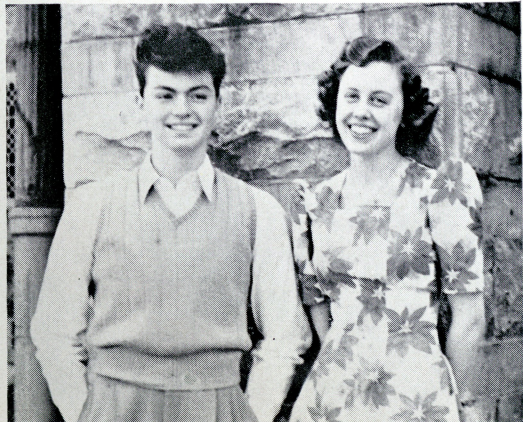
Freshman



BILL CLAYBOURN

President

The Freshman Class—"even as you and I"—has known the effects of rationing: no boys to play football, few dates to be had, no gas and tires for wiener roasts. However, those Freshmen who were privileged to complete this year's work, did so with the same energy and enthusiasm found in former Freshman Classes of J. J. C.

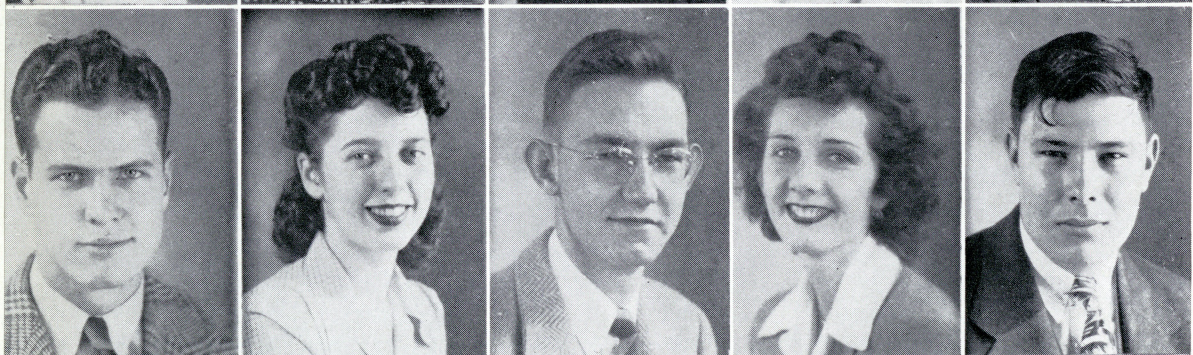
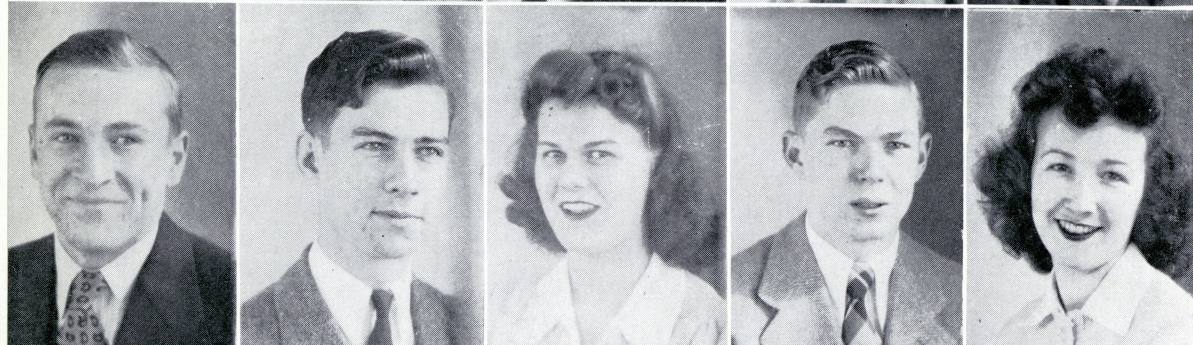


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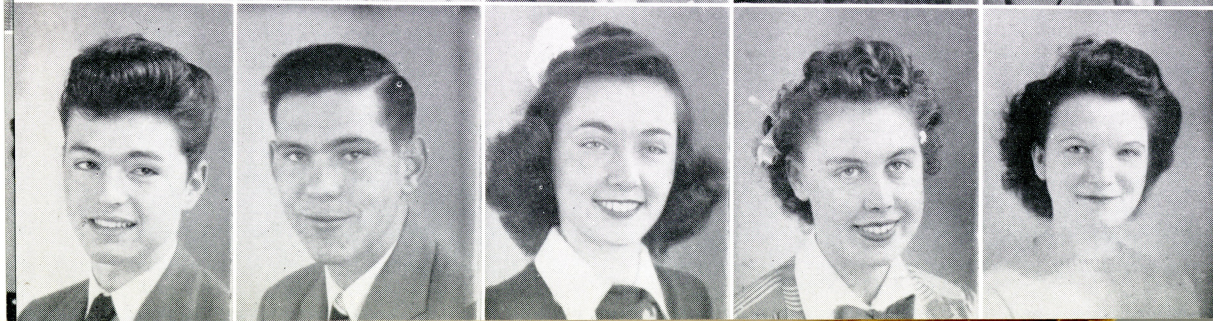
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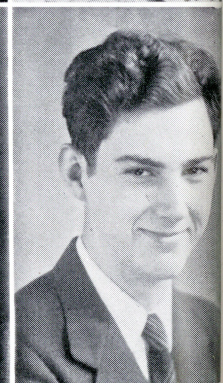
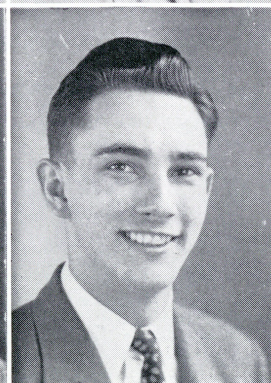
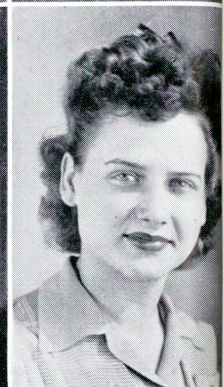
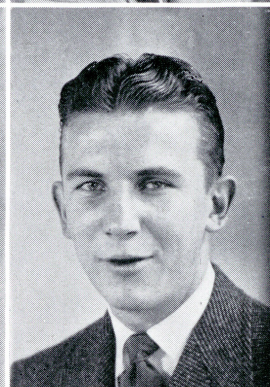
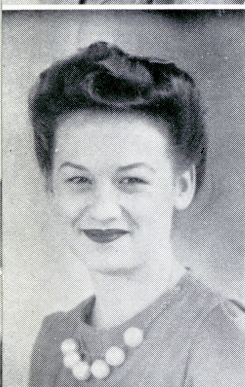
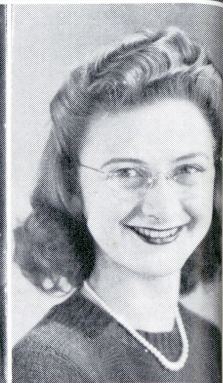
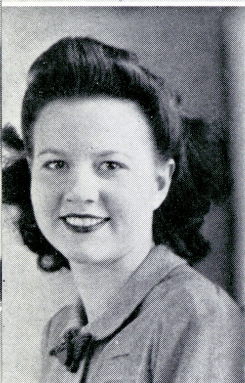
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Vencil Jessee
Frances Jones
Natalie Jones
Phyllis Jones
Leonard Laird

Edith Martin
Lillian Mendelson
Con Mills
Peggy Montgomery
James Moulton

Robert Myers
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Ralph Patterson

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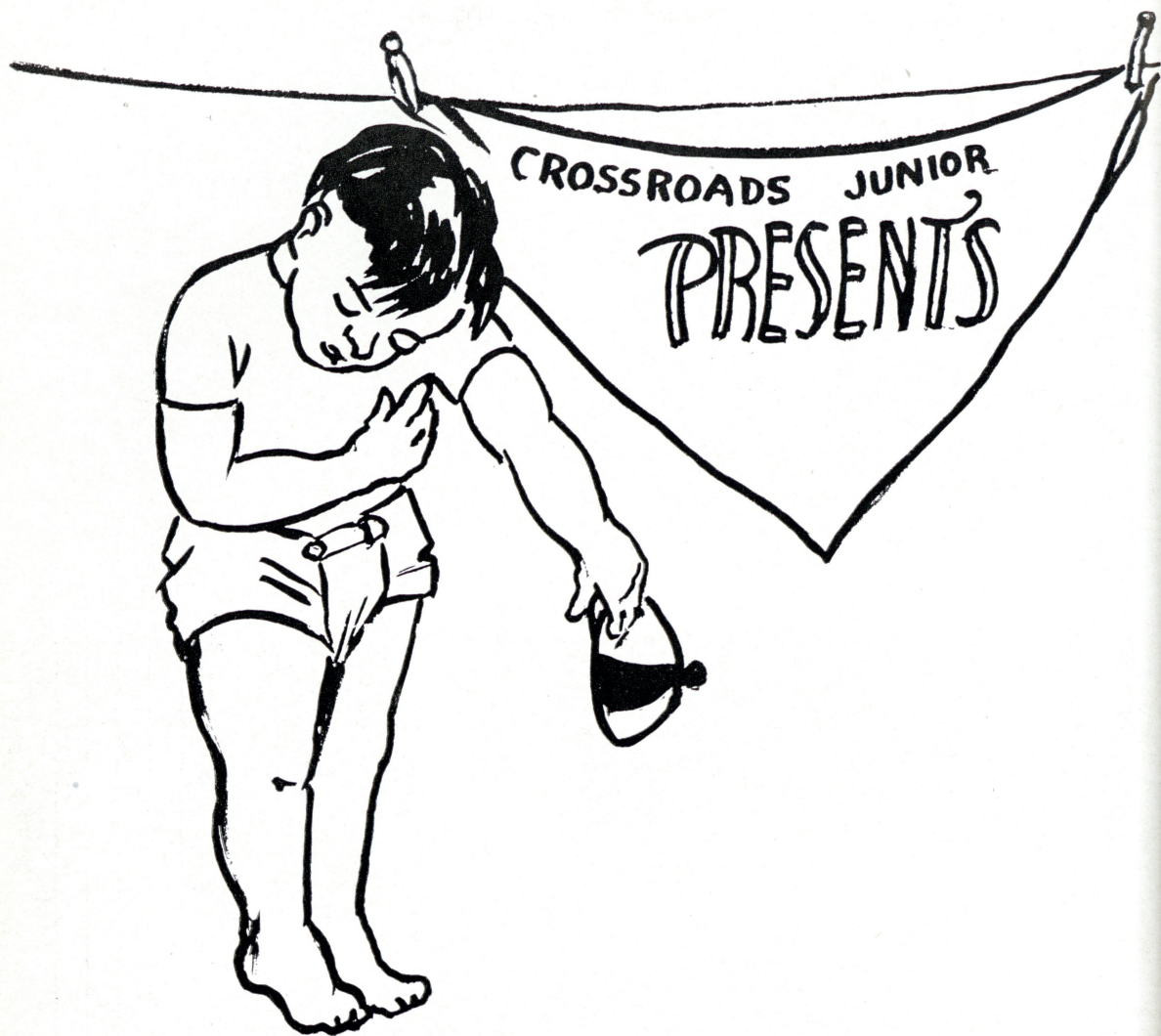
Sally Weygandt

John Windle

Patty Wise

Virginia Wheeler

Jack Wood



His Organizations

Student Senate

The Student Senate is composed of officers of the Sophomore and Freshman classes and the various organizations of the college. Working under the direction of Dean Blaine and representative faculty members, the Senate sponsors many activities of the school.

Standing: Betsy Balsey, Mignon Henley, Nancy McKee, Mary Lou Farmer, Jean Wommack, Wilma Hardin.

Seated: Virginia Lankford Pratt, secretary, Dellas Yeary, Bill Claybourn, Richard Thralls, Arthur Dilworth, Robert Myers, Bill Pinnell, president, Wanda Jo Casner.





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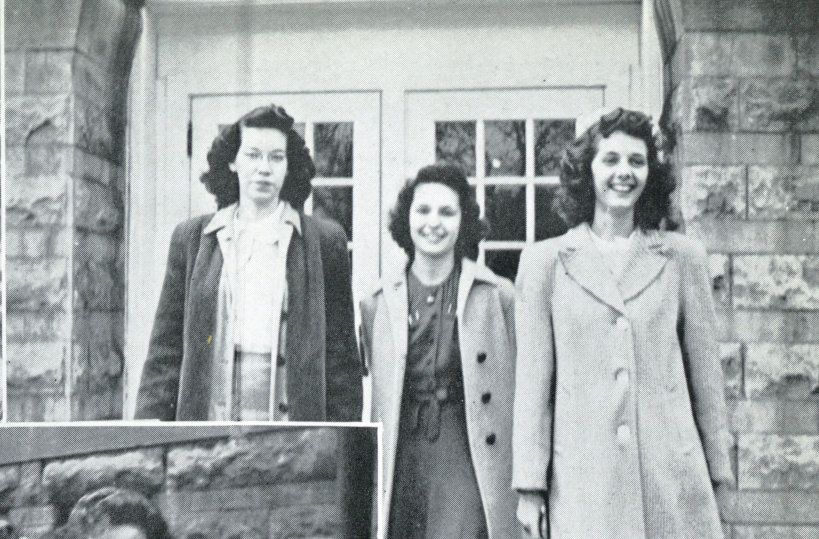
The Chart

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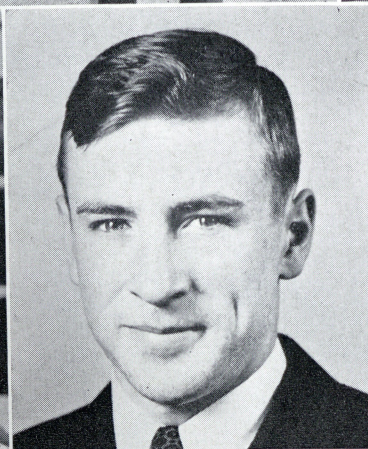
Crossroads

Since Crossroads Senior has gone to war, we give you Crossroads Junior.
We hope you will enjoy knowing him.



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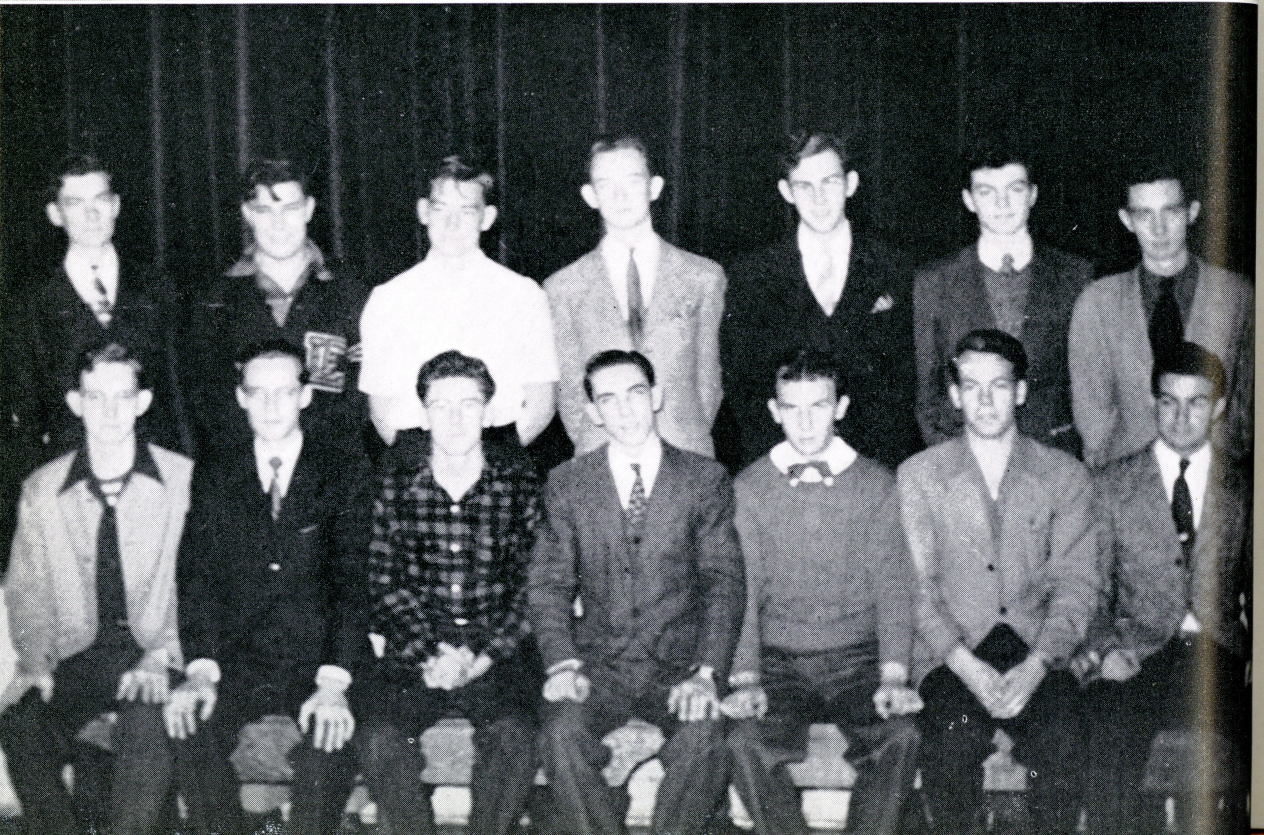
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Y. W. C. A.

"He's the cutest thing I ever—" "Did you see that?—" These comments and exclamations could be heard at probably any one of the meetings of the Y. W. C. A. Girls from the college meet every Tuesday noon to gossip, laugh, sing, and "Call out the cooks."

Fourth Row: Miss Steininger, sponsor, Lisbeth Day, Doris Isenmann, Betty Ann Harner, Virginia De Graff, Barbara Caskey, Eva Swanson De Graff, Leila Holman, Jean Farrar, Lillian Mendelson, Edith Martin, Jean Wommack, president, Eunice Gatliff.

Third Row: Mignon Henley, Charlotte Nelson, June Laird, Ann Alexander, Wanda Jo Casner, Phyllis Jones.

Second Row: Billie Rose Parrant, Sally Cogbill, Anna Jean Elliott, Betty Short, Shirley Cox, Doris Patrick, Mary Lou Farmer, Mary Rice.

First Row: Nancy McKee, Betty Anne Parker, Mary Lee Snyder, Sally Weygandt, Juanita Benge, Barbara Pinnell, Peggy Montgomery.

Y. M. C. A.

"I'm going to buy a paper doll that—" "Did you hear the one about the moron who—" To the tune of the latest hit song and the latest antics of the proverbial moron, the boys of the college meet on Tuesday noon to eat, sing, eat, talk, eat, laugh, and eat.

Standing: Leo Brown, Le Grand Dudley, Truman Jeffcott, Bert Hurn, Jack Wood, Robert Myers, William Pinnell, president.

Seated: Arthur Dilworth, Con Mills, Roy Fields, John Windle, Richard Thralls, Keith Guthals, Cletis Grider.



Alpha Kappa Mu

The Kappas started their fall activities with a guest tea. Soon amusingly dressed pledges were attracting everyone's attention in the halls. The Kappa Thanksgiving program was one of the assembly treats of the year. A week-end trip to Shadow Lake concluded the spring activities.

Standing: Frances Jones, Patty Flanery, Martella Smith, Pauline Selsor, Wilma Hardin.

Seated: Eunice Gatliff, Neoma Pendergraft, Rosamond Burk, president, Betty Dale Russell, Phyllis Jones.

Dramatics Club

The Dramatics Club this year presented several short plays in assembly. Among them were "The People with the Light Coming Through Them," "Which is the Way to Boston?", and "The Interview." Programs were also given for the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Cooperative Club.

Standing: Sally Weygandt, Josephine Dinnsen, Billie James, Jack Wood, Robert Myers, Mary Lou Farmer, president, Vencil Jessee, Wilma Hardin.



Beta Beta Beta

The motto of the Tri-Beta sorority, "Ever upward, ever onward," has guided the organization's activities during the year. The Betas participated wholeheartedly in the scrap paper drives and sponsored the Christmas assembly. The alumnae were entertained at a "Gay Nineties" banquet in the spring.

Fourth Row: Nancy McKee, Betty Short, Patty Wise, Betty Anne Parker, Mary Lee Snyder, Doris Patrick, Marjorie Davis, Sally Weygandt, Betsy Balsley.

Third Row: Natalie Jones, Doris Isenmann, Peggy Montgomery, Charlotte Nelson, Ann Alexander, Wanda Jo Casner, June Laird, Wanda Cravens, Josephine Dinnsen.

Second Row: Mignon Henley, president second semester, Jean Wommack, Virginia Randall, Betty Ann Harner, Martha Lee Troutman, Shirley Cox, Rita Phillip, Mary Lou Farmer, president first semester, Juanita Bengel, Nina Geisert.

First Row: Anna Jean Elliott, Shirley English, Mary Rice, Virginia Lankford Pratt, Lois Marie Hedrick, Jean Lee Farrar, Barbara Pinnell, Betty Cochran.

Alpha Theta Chi

Last September the Alpha Theta Chis reorganized with Arthur Boles as sponsor. Although handicapped by loss of members to the armed forces, the fraternity has become an important spoke in the wheels of J. J. C. They gave many parties and held a Thanksgiving dance on the Connor Roof. In the spring semester several boys from high school were pledged.

Third Row: Le Grand Dudley, Homer Knost, Jack Wood, Leo Brown, Bert Hurn, Truman Jeffcott, Carroll Smith, Wayne Hammack, Bill Pinnell, Keith Guthals.

Second Row: John Gray, Clifford Smith, Con Mills, Ralph Patterson, Bill Claybourn, Roy Fields, Cletis Grider.

First Row: Arthur Dilworth, Bill McAllister, James Moulton, Arthur Boles, sponsor, Richard Thralls, president, Robert Boyd.



Nurses

Joplin Junior College joins the war effort in providing scientific training for student nurses under the curriculum required by the state board. In times of stress the need for nurses is intense and these modern "Florence Nightingales" have before them a gigantic task—the task of relieving the suffering of a war-torn world.

Standing: Elma Mae Fox, Myrtle Richardson, Josephine Willard, Dorothy Howell, Jerry Nan Sparlin.

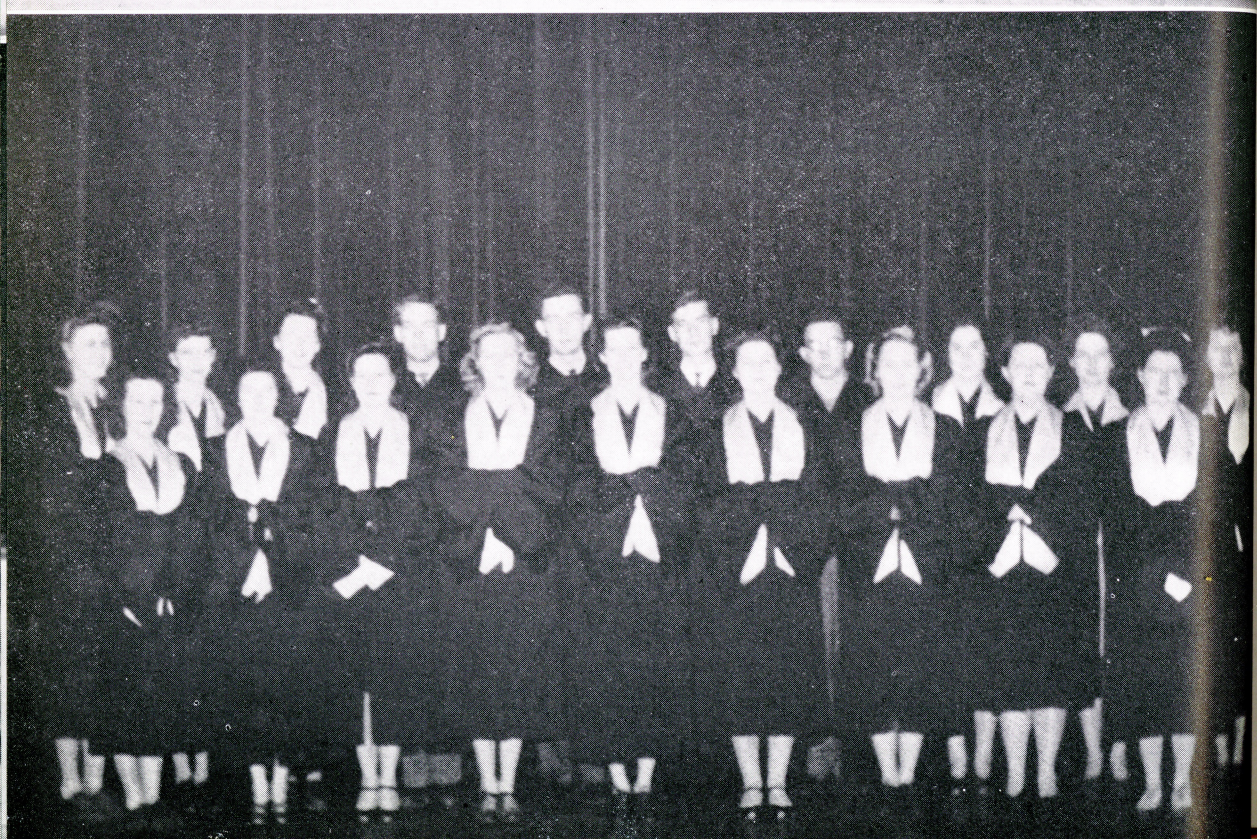
Seated: Aileen Logan, Betty Jean Pitts, Jeanne Pollock.

Teachers of Tomorrow

To the Teachers of Tomorrow is assigned a very important task: that of guiding the students of the future in the paths of Character, Leadership, and Service.

Standing: Martha Etcheson, Mrs. Ernie Whitfield, sponsor, Rosamond Burk.

Seated: Jean Lee Farrar, Neoma Pendergraft, Eunice Gatliff, Phyllis Jones.



Music Department

Members of the Music Department have given programs before several civic clubs in Joplin and various high schools in Jasper and Newton counties. On March 6, 1944, under the direction of Mrs. William Dale, the Music Department gave its annual spring concert.

ORCHESTRA (left to right)

Lillian Mendelson, Jean Wommack, Jack Wood, Martha Lee Troutman, Leila Holman, Peggy Montgomery, Mignon Henley, Billy Ruth Plumlee, Ann Alexander, Vencil Jessee, Ralph Patterson, Leo Brown.

CHORUS (left to right)

First Row: Betty Cochran, Peggy Montgomery, Barbara Pinnell, Natalie Jones, Mignon Henley, Neoma Pendergraft, Frances Jones, Jean Lee Farrar, Anna Jean Elliott.

Second Row: Barbara Caskey, Betty Boswell, Leila Holman, Keith Guthals, Bill Pinnell, Leo Brown, Vencil Jessee, Dorothy June Hastings, Helen Ummel, Sally Weygandt.

Not in picture: Patsy Rae Alderman.



"Arsenic and Old Lace," the familiar story of two "murderous" old ladies, was the fall production of J. J. C.

Above: Bob Myers and Betty Short, the romantic leads, arouse the interest of Bill ("Teddy") Claybourn and the old ladies, Mary Lou Farmer and Margaret Cox.

Below: "Cop" Keith Guthals narrates to the helpless Bob Myers while Vencil Jessee, the evil Dr. Einstein, looks on. John Windle, as Jonathon "Karloff" Brewster, "reclines" in the background.

Also in the cast were: Arthur Dilworth, Jack Wood, Bill DeGraff, John Roberts, and Dick Thralls.



The spring production was Sir James M. Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows," a story of English life. Billie Plumlee carried the feminine lead as Maggie, and Bob Myers portrayed John Shand. Maggie's father was played by Bob Patrick, and her brothers by Bill Claybourn and Donald Newby.

Lady Sybil Tenterdon, Maggie's "competition," was played by Sally Weygandt. Betty Ann Harner was the Comtesse de Le Briere and Carroll Smith played Mr. Charles Venables.

The cast also included: Anna Jean Elliott, Charlotte Nelson, Natalie Jones, Mary Lee Snyder, and Josephine Dinnsen.



"Miss America" Galbraith.

A two-step right, and two-step left.

Draw up a hambone and join us.

Plenty of punch here!

Hey, Mary, the camera's over here!

Thirsty?

"Is there anybody there?"
said the traveler.

"Veronica" De Graff.

1, 2, 3, dunk.



I saw you take two cakes, Sara.

The Kappas' Romeo and Juliet.

Where's that Esquire?

Mutual Admiration Society.

Well, what's this?

The Red-Plaids are here.

In my Easter Bonnet.

Finders, keepers!

And it all came true!



"Pocahontas" Geisert.

For he's far, far away.

Posing for the press.

In words of one syllable.

"Ouch!"

Fashion designers of the
future.

Weygandt "weeds witature." "Where's Bill?"

Pledge Pinnell
performing.

Semi-annual locker-
cleaning.

Sitting down on the job?

Mass suicide, no doubt. 'nuff said!



Wish it were real!

Comment unnecessary.

Paid Advertisement!

Rear View.

Someone must've mentioned Con.

Hold your ears!

Daydreaming?

Say "Ah."

Must be food down there!



His Instructors

Superintendent of Joplin Public Schools

1930-1943

On December 9, 1943, Mr. Elliott resigned his position as Superintendent of Schools in Joplin to accept a captaincy in the United States Army.

We wish him good luck in his new venture.



Our New Superintendent

Crossroads Junior presents Mr. Roi S. Wood, Superintendent of Schools and President of J. J. C. Mr. Wood acts in the present, but envisions the future. "One man with a dream shall go forth and conquer a crown."





Left to right: Ray Carlson, Mrs. C. S. Dobson, Paul Van Poole, Roi S. Wood, superintendent, Clifford Casey, president, Haywood Scott, Mark Henderson, Joe Reeves.

Board of Education

To the Board of Education we give our thanks and appreciation. J. J. C. is grateful for their constant support, their belief in education, and their far-sighted plans for the future of the college.

Dean Blaine

Dean Blaine, our Commander-in-chief on the Home Front. No task is too great, no problem is too small for his consideration. To him the grateful students of the past and the present say "Thanks."



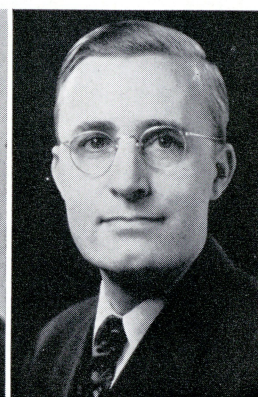
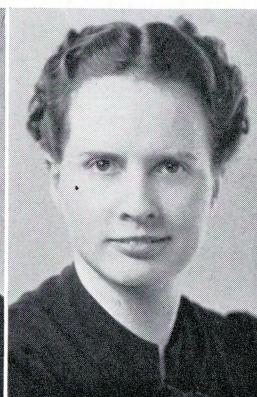
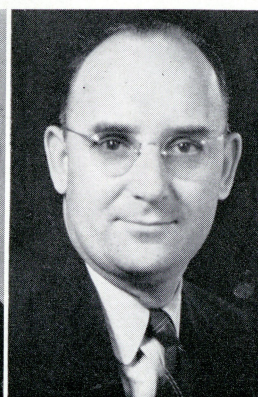


Dean of Women

Miss Edna Drummond, Dean of Women, is the "faculty mother" for the girls of the college. She has proved a trusted counselor in everything from a bruised knee to a broken heart.

Dean of Men

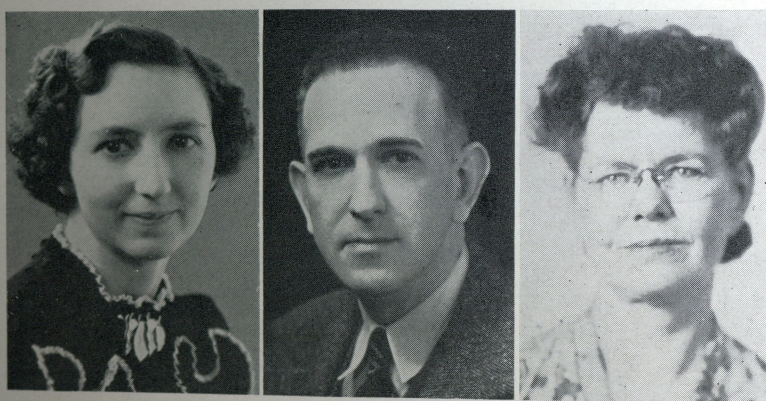
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★

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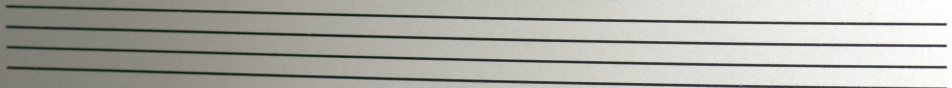
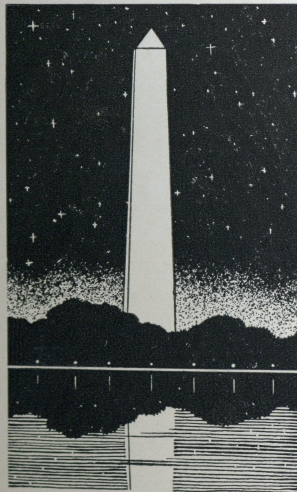
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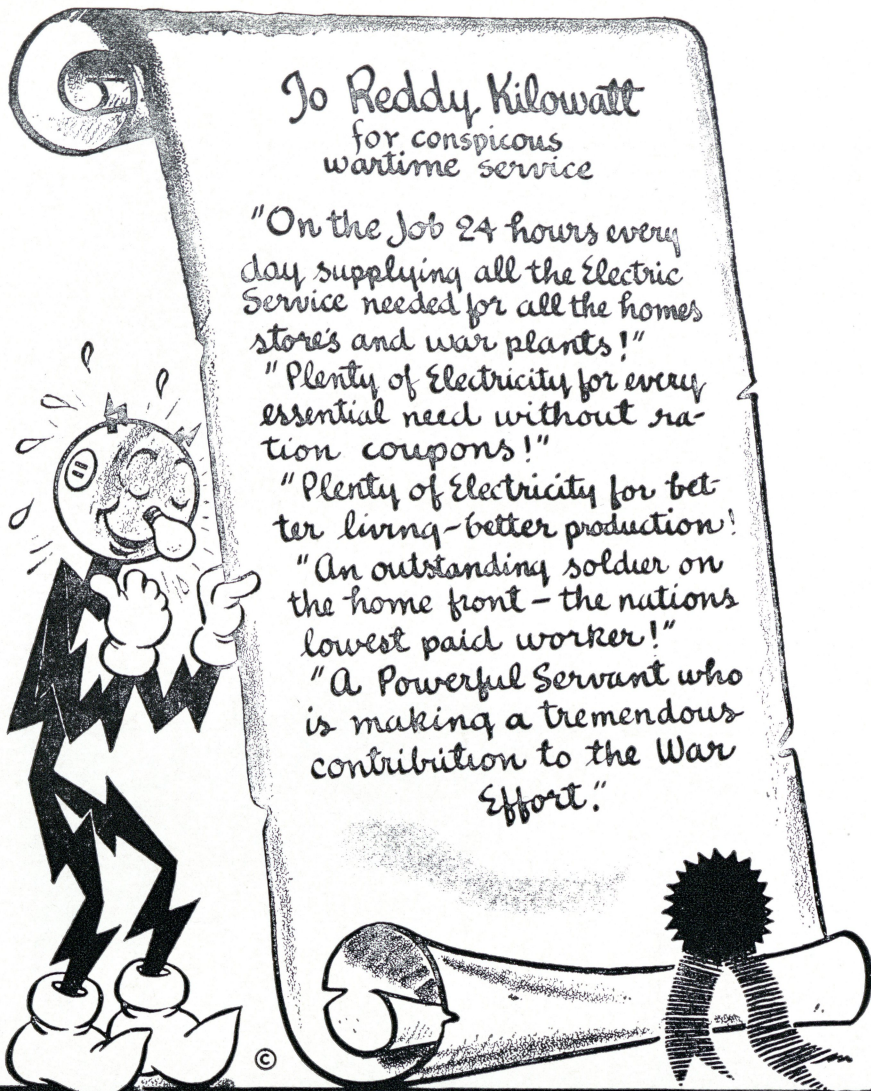
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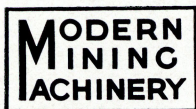
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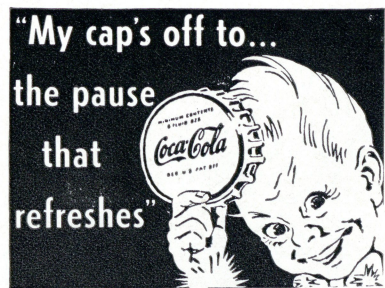
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